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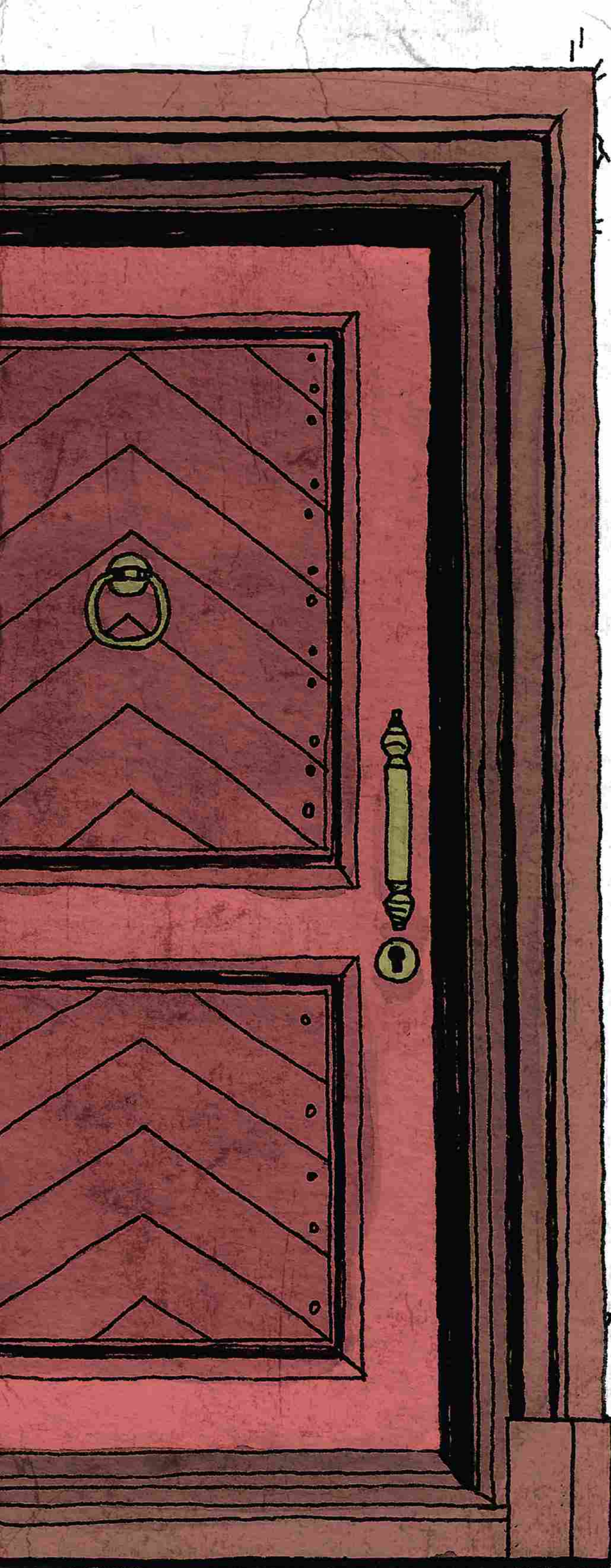
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PRELUDE TO
**CONTEST
OF CHAOS**

SCARLET WITCH





*If your
NEED IS GREAT
and your
HOPE IS GONE,
there you will meet the...*

SCARLET WITCH

After absorbing the Darkhold and sealing the demon Chthon inside her soul, Wanda Maximoff made peace with her tumultuous past. Now she runs a witchcraft shop called Emporium which, in addition to selling magical remedies, is also home to the Last Door, a portal that appears only to those with nowhere else to turn.

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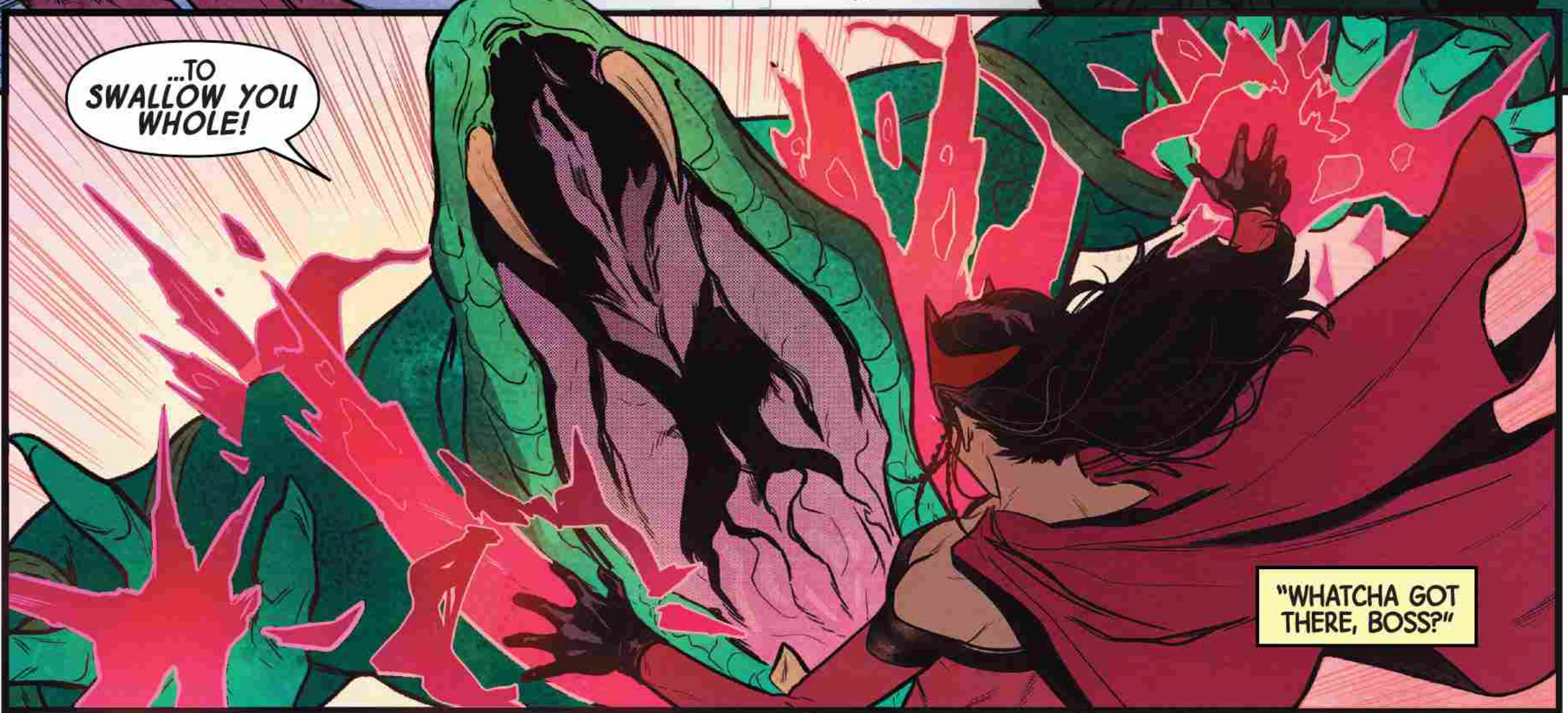
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ACCEPT
IT, WITCH--THIS
IS YOUR LAST
DAY!

I'VE CLIMBED
ALL THE WAY UP
FROM THE
PIT...



...TO
SWALLOW YOU
WHOLE!

"WHATCHA GOT
THERE, BOSS?"

**EMPORIUM.
LOTKILL,
NEW YORK.**

OH,
NOTHING,
DARCY.

JUST A
DEMON IN
A JAR. WELL,
A POCKET
REALITY.

RUSSELL
THINKS
HE'S ABOUT TO
EAT ME. IT'S
ADORABLE.



A
DEMON...
LIKE FROM
HELL?

AND
HIS NAME'S
RUSSELL?



RUSSELL DABOIA--
A **SERPENT-MAN**. HE
ATTACKED LAST NIGHT.
OR **TRIED**.

SEEMS MISTER
DABOIA TRIPPED ONE
OF MY **DIMENSIONAL**
SNARE TRAPS AS
I SLEPT.



RUSSELL'S BY NO MEANS THE
FIRST. HE **BELIEVES** HE'S
WINNING IN THERE.

IT SEEMED
LIKE A **HUMANE**
WAY TO OCCUPY
HIM.



HELLGUYS ATTACK
YOU NIGHTLY AND
YOU KEEP THEM IN
TERRARIUMS?

I'D LIKE THAT
RAISE NOW.
WORKPLACE
HAZARDS.



IT'S **PERFECTLY**
SAFE, DARCY.
TRUTHFULLY, I'VE
OUTGROWN SUCH
MINOR THREATS.

BUT THEY'RE
STILL MY
DEMONS. AND
THEY **STOP**
WITH ME.



WANDA! SORRY TO BURST
IN--HAVE YOU HAD TIME
TO **RESTOCK**?

THE
JORDANS!
PERFECT
TIMING.

MY **FORAGER**
JUST BROUGHT NEW
SEEDS FROM
AZTLAN.



PLANT THEM IN SOIL MOIST WITH
HONEY WATER. IN **SEVEN**
WEEKS...

...THE SCENT OF
PARADISE POPPIES
WILL DISPERSE YOUR
STRESS.

**NEW SALEM,
COLORADO.**

AND HERE
I'D THOUGHT THIS
WHOLE CITY WAS
DESTROYED.*

I SUPPOSE
ONE CAN'T KEEP
A GOOD HIDDEN
MAGICIAN'S ENCLAVE
DOWN...

*IN VISION AND THE SCARLET WITCH #3! --ALANNA

...OR A GOOD
MAGICIAN, FOR
THAT MATTER.

IS THAT WHY
YOU WISHED TO
MEET, NECRODAMUS--
TO ANNOUNCE YOUR
RETURN?

I COULD
CONJURE SOME
CRICKETS.

YOU JEST--
BUT YOU STILL
TOOK THE LUNCH.
YOU KNOW THE
TIME IS RIGHT.

NOW IS
WHEN WE KILL THE
SCARLET WITCH.
SHE'S ALREADY
WELCOMED DEATH
ONCE...*

...DESPERATE
FOR MUTANT
FORGIVENESS. AS IF
THAT MATTERS TO
THE MIGHTY.

*IN X-MEN: THE TRIAL
OF MAGNETO! --ALANNA

NEWLY RISEN, SHE'S
TRANSMUTED THE FIRST
DARKHOLD INTO A PRISON
WITHIN HER SOUL.

A PRISON FOR
CHTHON--DARKEST
OF ELDER GODS.

WITHIN HER, A
HURRICANE RAGES.
SHE MUST ALWAYS WORK
TO CONTAIN IT.

MAXIMOFF
HAS NEVER BEEN
SO--





HARKNESS!

THAT SOUND
NEVER GETS
OLD.

WANDA,
MY DEAR
GIRL...





**DALLAS,
TEXAS.**

**HONESTLY,
ZZZAX.**

**FOR AN
ELECTROMAGNETIC
NIGHTMARE...**





"...YOU COULD PUT UP A BIT OF A FIGHT."

SO MUCH FOR THE LIVING DYNAMO.



WANDA! BACK ALREADY?

I WAS ONLY A FEW THOUSAND MILES AWAY.

THAT SHOPKEEPER OF YOURS DESERVES A RAISE--SHE'S SO HELPFUL!



SOUNDS LIKE I MISSED A LOT. THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

I'M GLAD WE COULD HELP.



OUR CLIENTS ARE ENAMORED WITH YOUR ADVICE, DARCY. THEY SAY I SHOULD **DOUBLE** YOUR PAY.

THEY'RE WELL TRAINED.

BUT **ONE** SAID SHE'D **ONLY** SPEAK TO YOU. SAID SHE WAS **HAPPY** TO WAIT.



NOT WAIT. **WORK.**

THESE **URNS** JUST WEREN'T ARRANGED **RIGHT.**



SEE? SHE **KEEPS** SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT.

YOU **KNOW** THIS NOSY YOGA LADY?



I
KNOW HER,
PUPIL.

PERHAPS
BETTER THAN
ANYONE.



...AGATHA?

YOU'RE
YOUNG.



I'VE BEEN
YOUNG
ALL ALONG,
MY DEAR.

BUT NOW
THE FLESH
MATCHES THE
SPIRIT.



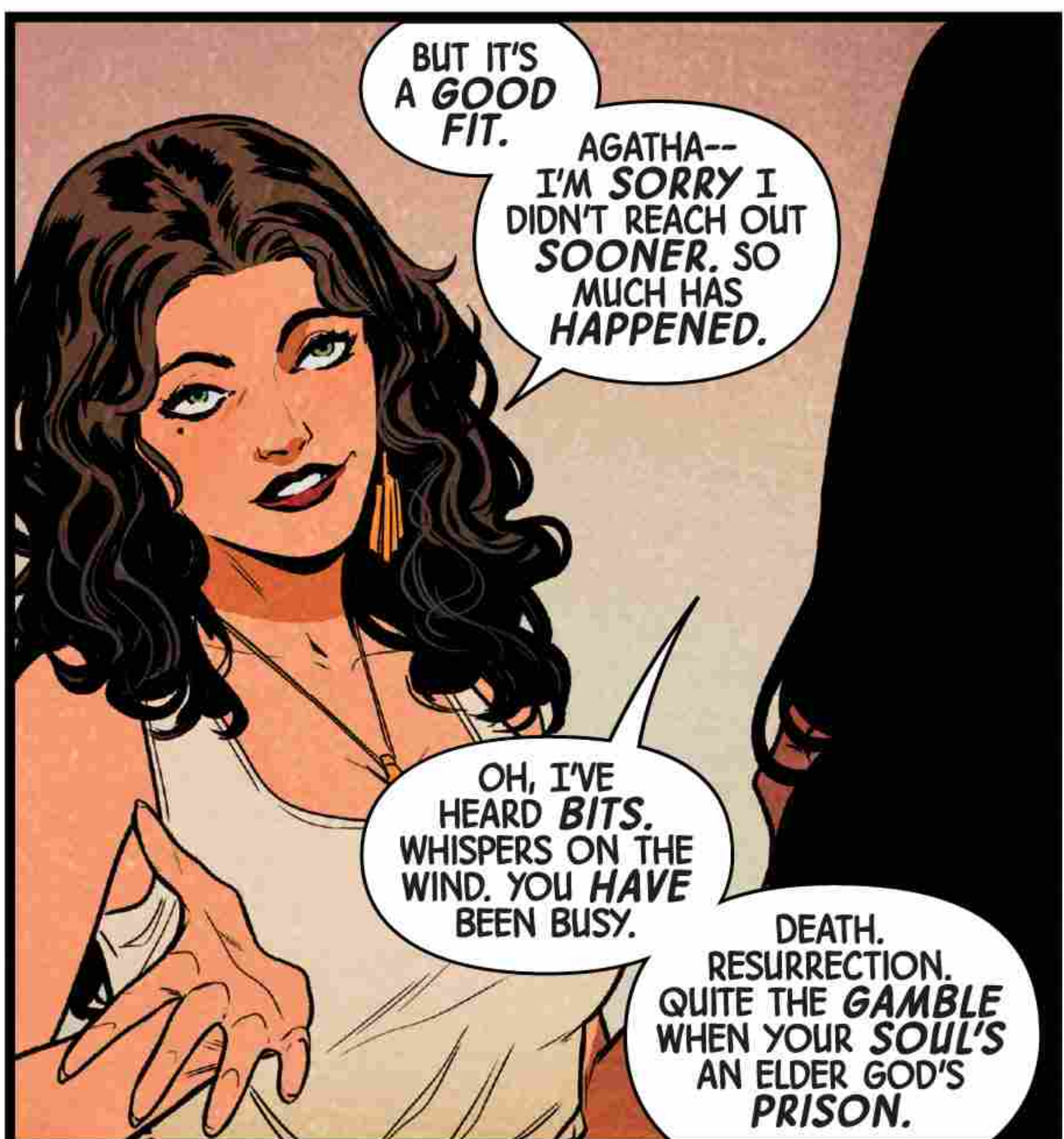
I KNOW THAT FACE, WANDA. TEA. HOT.

THE STRONG STUFF.

I SEE YOU'RE DRESSED FOR WORK.

SO ARE YOU.

SNAP



BUT IT'S A GOOD FIT.

AGATHA-- I'M SORRY I DIDN'T REACH OUT SOONER. SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED.

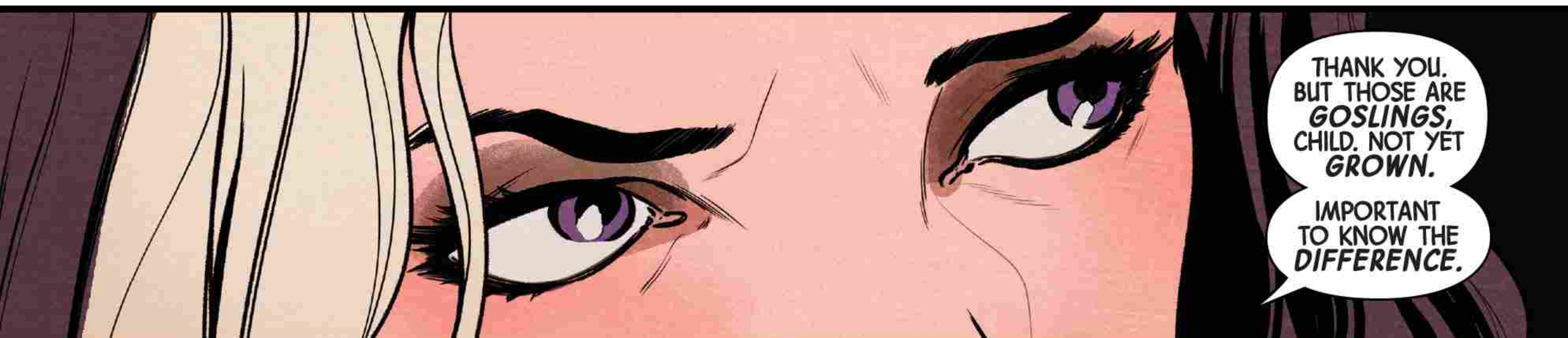
OH, I'VE HEARD *BITS*. WHISPERS ON THE WIND. YOU HAVE BEEN BUSY.

DEATH. RESURRECTION. QUITE THE *GAMBLE* WHEN YOUR *SOUL'S* AN ELDER GOD'S PRISON.



THE STRONG STUFF, WITCHES!

TODAY, WE'RE DRINKING OUT OF *GEESE*.



THANK YOU. BUT THOSE ARE *GOSLINGS*, CHILD. NOT YET GROWN.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.



SO! LAST I SAW YOU... WAS IT AT THE **STRANGE ACADEMY**? I'VE GOT TO SAY, I'M **SURPRISED**.

NOTHING IN THE MORNING'S **MICRO-OMENS** FORETOLD A VISIT.

BOTH SLEEVES, I'M SURE. IF YOU WERE WEARING ANY...

YES, WELL-- NOTHING IN MY **HAND**, BUT YOUR **TEACHER** STILL HAS A FEW **TRICKS** UP HER SLEEVE.

...BUT AGATHA! IT'S **GREAT** TO SEE YOU! I ONLY **JUST DREAMED** OF **NEW SALEM**.

I'VE **BEEN**. MUCH LIVELIER THAN MY LAST VISIT--AND NOT A **STAKE** OR **MATCHBOOK** IN SIGHT.

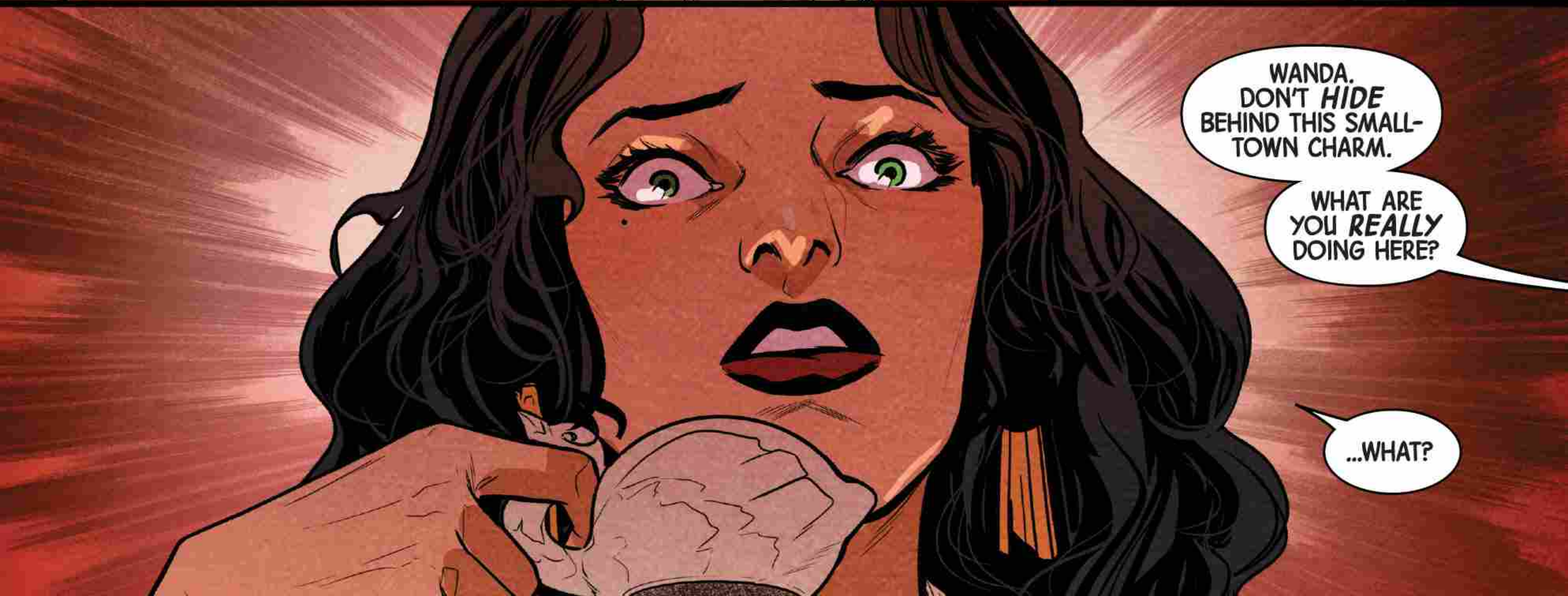
REALLY? WORD WAS THAT SOMEONE'D **REBUILT** IT. WE'VE GOT TO **GO!** I'D LOVE TO--



WANDA. DON'T **HIDE** BEHIND THIS SMALL-TOWN CHARM.

WHAT ARE YOU **REALLY** DOING HERE?

...WHAT?





YOU'RE LOOKING **AHEAD** SO HARD THAT YOU'VE LEFT YOURSELF VULNERABLE TO WHAT'S **BEHIND** YOU.

NO...THAT'S NOT **TRUE**. AND IF IT WERE, I COULD **HANDLE** IT.



COULD YOU? IT'S **KNOWN** THAT YOU TRANSMUTED THE **TRUE DARKHOLD**. RIVALS GATHER...

...**SURE** THAT CONTROLLING THE **BOOK**, NEVER MIND **CHTHON**, HAS LEFT YOU **WEAK**.



RIVALS LIKE THAT FOOL **NECRODAMUS**. I SAID I'D VISITED NEW SALEM. I **DID**--TO DEAL WITH **HIM**.

AS I HAVE **OTHERS**. EVERY **ASPIRING** SPELLCRAFT SUDDENLY THINKS YOU'RE **RIPE** FOR THE KILL.

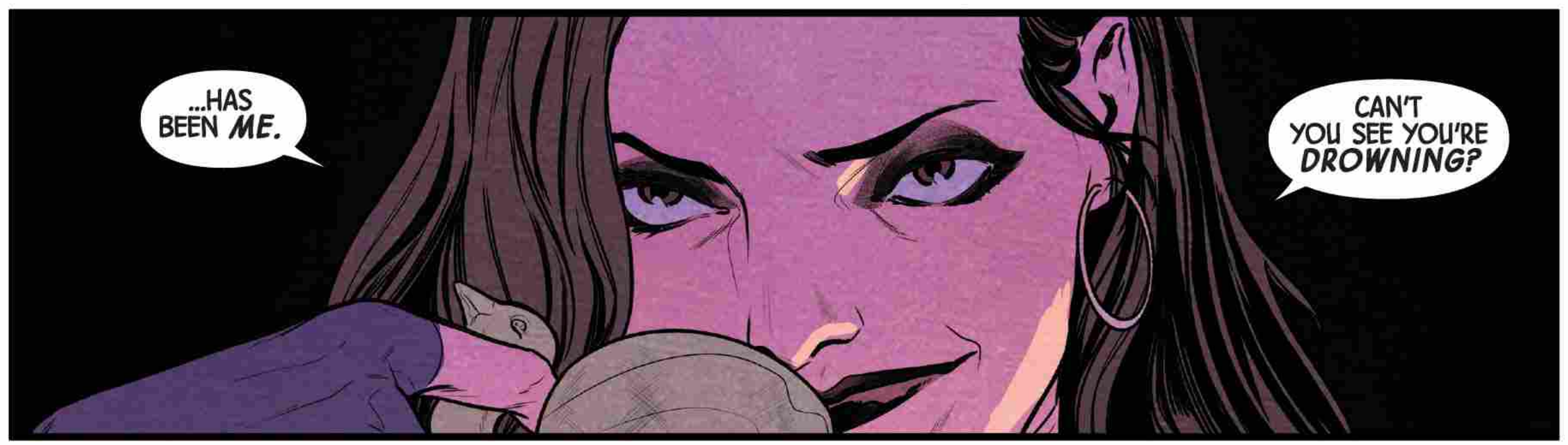
NOT TO MENTION **GAEA** AND THE **VISHANTI**, WHO DON'T LOVE THAT **YOU ALONE** HOLD BACK **CHTHON**.



OH, PLEASE. **THEY** WEREN'T TORMENTED BY **CHTHON**--I WAS. LET THEM **VOICE** THEIR CONCERNS IN PERSON.

LISTEN TO YOURSELF, WANDA. PUFFING YOUR **CHEST** AT **ELDER DEITIES**?

YOU'RE A **TARGET**. AND THE ONLY THING HOLDING BACK THE **ARROWS**...



...HAS BEEN **ME**.

CAN'T YOU SEE YOU'RE **DROWNING**?



HUUUAAGHK!



WANDA!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?
WHAT'D YOU DO
TO HER?



THIS IS
WHAT'S CALLED
AN **OBJECT**
LESSON.

YOUR
TEACHER, MY
STUDENT, JUST
SAID SHE'LL "**HANDLE**"
ALL THAT'S COMING
FOR HER.

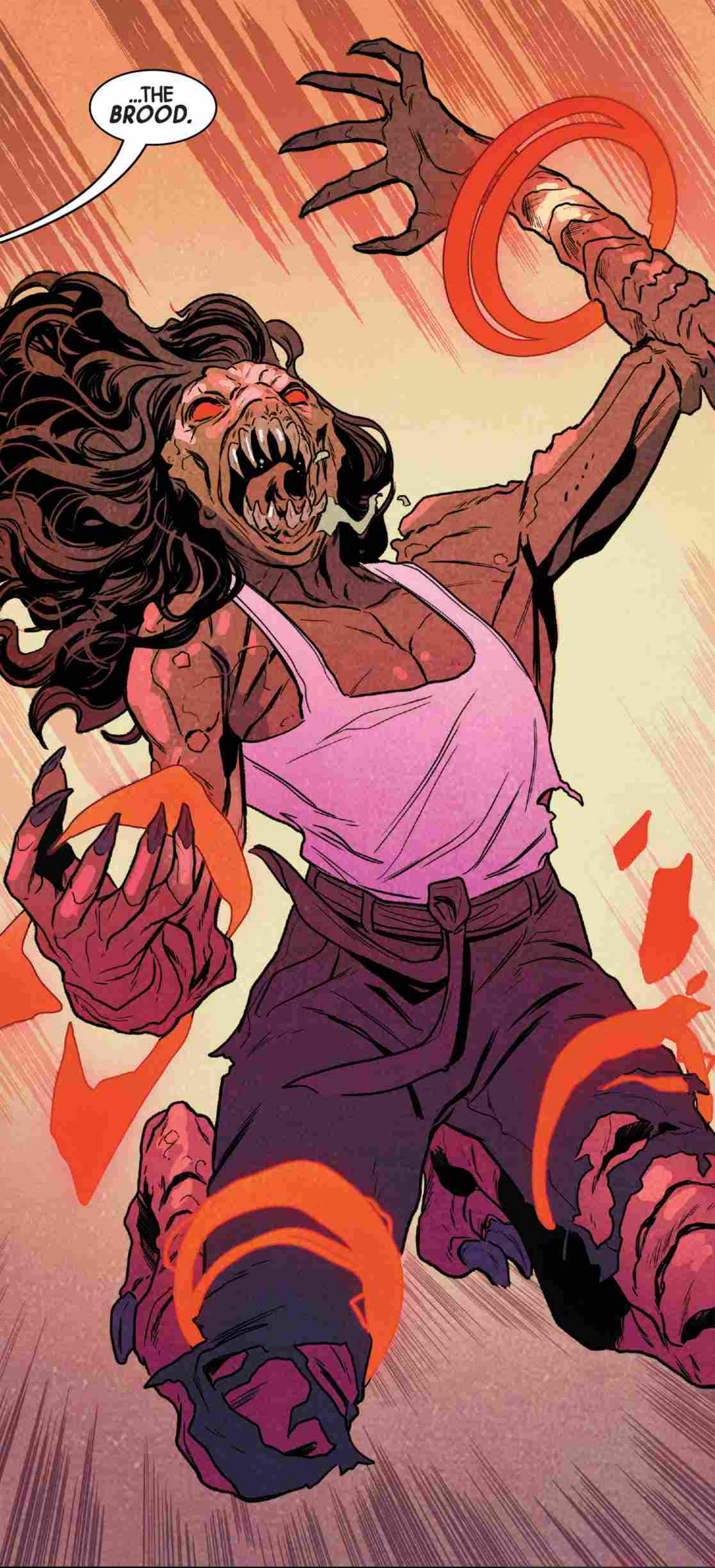
AFTER THIS
LONG, I KNOW
THERE'S NO **TELLING**
WANDA SOMETHING.
SHE MUST BE **SHOWN**.



HENCE, WHEN SHE **BLINKED**,
I SLIPPED SOME TINY,
ENCHANTED **EGGS** INTO
HER TEA.

NASTY
THINGS. BUT SURELY,
SHE'LL **PURGE** THEM
FROM HER BODY.

AFTER ALL,
IF SHE CAN "**HANDLE**"
ANYTHING, SHE CAN
HANDLE...



**THE BLACK SEAS
OF THE INNER
PLANE.**

**DIMENSIONAL
SKIPPING?**

**AM I
SUPPOSED TO BE
IMPRESSED?!**

**I'VE BEEN
UNDER SIEGE SINCE
THE DAY I WAS BORN,
AGATHA! YOU KNOW
THAT MORE THAN
MOST.**

**WHAT COULD
I POSSIBLY LEARN
FROM YET ANOTHER
ATTACK?**



THE SUPERFLOW.

YOU'RE SO
DESPERATE TO
PROVE YOU'RE FINE--
ALL YOU'RE PROVING
IS MY POINT!

CHTHON, THE
TRUE DARKHOLD--
YOU'VE TAKEN ON MORE
THAN ANY ONE
PERSON SHOULD!

I'M NOT
JUST ANY ONE
PERSON.

YOU'RE RIGHT!
YOU ALREADY REIN
IN UNQUANTIFIABLE
SORCEROUS
MIGHT!

NOW YOU'VE
DRAWN AN ANCIENT
ARTIFACT AND A
HISTORICALLY SADISTIC
GOD INTO YOUR
SOUL?

IT'S TOO
MUCH, EVEN FOR
YOU! RAW POWER
OR NOT, FROM ONE
WITH SKILL AND
CUNNING...

...YOU
ARE AT
RISK!

THOOM

THE LAND OF LEGENDS.

OUR COMBAT IS NOT SO DIFFERENT FROM THE MORE PHYSICAL AND MARTIAL ARTS!

YOU STRIKE **HARD**--BUT **SUCH STRIKES** HAVE **MOMENTUM!** THEY CAN BE **PARRIED**--REDIRECTED!

IF YOU **DO BREAK**--THE **DESTRUCTION** WILL BE UNLIKE **ANY** YOU'VE COMMITTED BEFORE...

...BUT **NOT** IF YOU LET ME **SHARE** YOUR BURDEN!

I COULD **NEVER** ASK THAT OF YOU. OF ANYONE! THE **TRUE DARKHOLD** IS GONE...

...ITS **EVERY PAGE** TRANSFORMED INTO AN ENDLESS LABYRINTH--WITH **ONE PRISONER!**

CHTHON IS BURIED **DEEP**, AGATHA--HE'S **MY BURDEN**.

IT'S ON **ME** TO ENSURE HE NEVER ESCAPES!

THE MEGAVERSE.

THERE IS NO SHAME IN SEEKING AID, WANDA--I DID NOT TEACH YOU TO BE A MARTYR.

I ALSO SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR LESSON ABOUT SHIRKING MY RESPONSIBILITIES.

YOU SEE WHERE WE ARE? WHERE I'VE BROUGHT US?

FEW THINGS ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN POWER WITHOUT PERSPECTIVE.

THE LIVING TRIBUNAL SEES ALL. HE JUDGES FROM A SEAT SO GREAT IT'S BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION.

YOU HAVE STRENGTH ON SUCH A SCALE--IT'S DEADLY TO BE SO CHILDISH. YOU ACT WITHOUT SEEING!

I'VE LIVED FOR CENTURIES, AND I'VE ONLY BEGUN TO GRASP THE SCOPE OF YOUR GIFTS!

ON THAT, WE AGREE.

THE WITCHES' ROAD.

ENOUGH,
AGATHA.

YOU CAN
TRUST ME, OR
WE CAN KEEP DOING
THIS. BUT IT **WON'T**
GO YOUR WAY.

FREING
YOURSELF FROM
CHTHON AND THE
DARKHOLD, IT MEANS
NOTHING...

...IF YOU'VE
DOOMED US
ALL!

I
HAVEN'T.

I DO HAVE
PERSPECTIVE. HUMANITY.
VULNERABILITY. THEY MAKE
ME WHO I AM.

POWER
WITHOUT COMPASSION--
THAT'S THE DANGER.



YOU ANSWER TRUTH WITH FANCY--AND THINK IT EASES MY MIND?!

I DON'T ANSWER TO YOU AT ALL.



BUT I DO LISTEN, AGATHA. YOU'RE MY FRIEND.

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT ANYMORE, BUT I DIDN'T SWING FIRST. PERHAPS YOU'RE MORE SKILLED.



BUT ALL THE SKILL IN EXISTENCE DOESN'T MEAN MUCH...

...WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING THE GAME WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN FLIP OVER THE TABLE.

TALK LIKE THAT AND THE STUBBORNNESS IT BRINGS...ARE EXACTLY WHAT WORRIES ME.



BUT. BUT.

IF YOU'RE INTENT ON LEARNING ONLY FROM YOUR MISTAKES, IT SEEMS ALL THIS OLD AUNT CAN DO...



...IS WATCH WITH CARE.

LOTKILL.

--WITCH?!

WAIT, WHAT?
YOU'RE STILL
HERE.

WEREN'T YOU
TWO ABOUT TO
THROW MAGIC
HANDS OR
WHATEVER?

WELL...IT
SEEMS WE'VE
THROWN
NOTHING
AT ALL.

A FINE
TRICK, WANDA.
I'M NOT ABOVE
ADMITTING IT.

NO TRICK--
IT WAS ALL REAL,
EVERYTHING SINCE
THE EGGS.

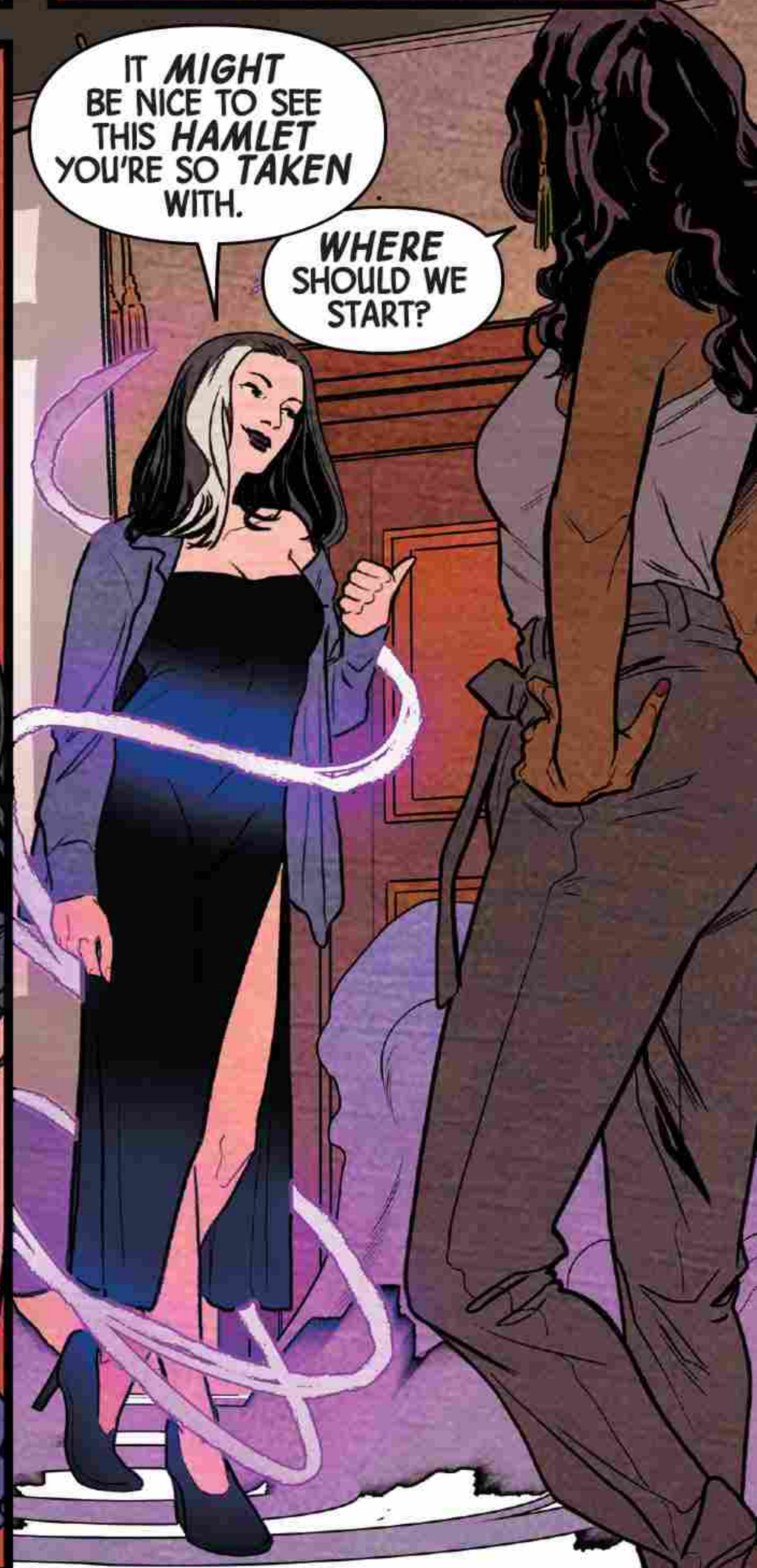
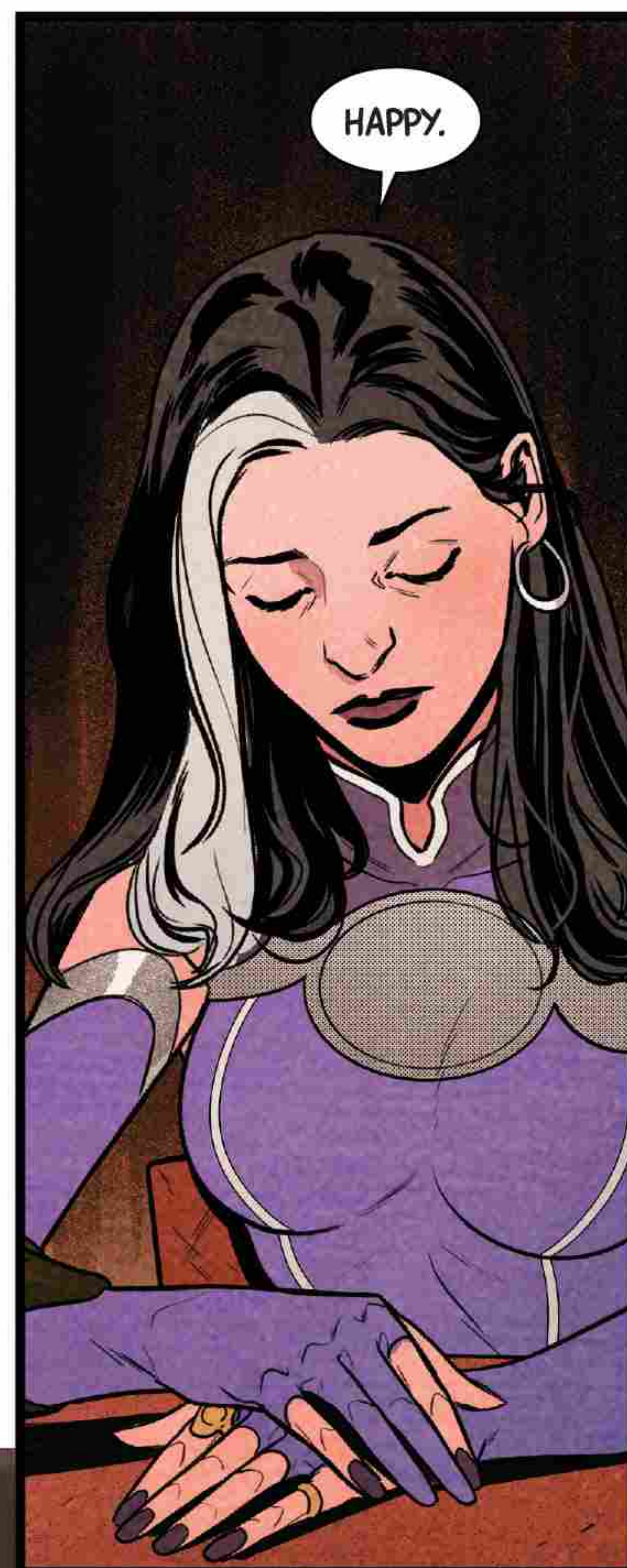
BUT IT
HAPPENED IN
THE BREATH
BETWEEN
TWO OF DARCY'S
WORDS.

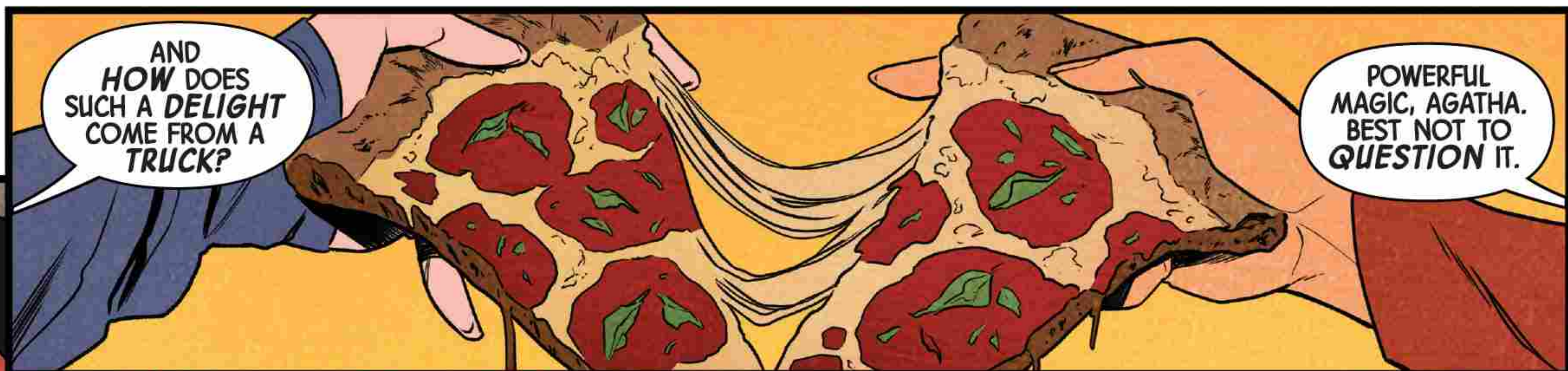
GOTCHA.

YOU HAVE
LEARNED.

SO...

...I'VE COME
INTO YOUR HOME.
POISONED YOUR TEA.
WHAT NOW?





AND HOW DOES SUCH A DELIGHT COME FROM A TRUCK?

POWERFUL MAGIC, AGATHA. BEST NOT TO QUESTION IT.



AND WHAT OF THESE STOREFRONTS? WHAT CLOD SELLS ONLY VINEGAR?

PEOPLE COME FROM ALL OVER TO WALK LOTKILL--THE SHOPS CAN AFFORD TO BE SPECIFIC.

PEOPLE FILL SALEM TO THE BRIM EVERY OCTOBER. WHAT HORRORS HIDE IN THIS TOWN'S PAST?



HEY--AREN'T YOU THE SCARLET WITCH? YOU'RE, LIKE, MY FAVORITE AVENGER!

IS THIS YOUR SIDEKICK? I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THE PURPLE WITH THE RED...

YES. YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS MY SIDEKICK. YOU'RE VERY WISE.



LET'S GO, OSCAR--YOU'RE BOTHERING THE WITCHES!

HEY! OKAY, FINE, FINE!



"SIDEKICK."

WITH A WINK, I COULD CURSE THAT YOUTH TO A LIFETIME OF NUMISMATIC OBSESSION.

BUT YOU WON'T. EVEN IF OSCAR COULD USE A HOBBY.



WANDA... SHARPLY CHARMING THOUGH IT MAY BE, THIS PLACE IS **SMALL**.

IT WOULD **BE** SMALL EVEN IF YOU WERE **NOT** ONE FOR WHOM **CREATION** HOLDS NO **LOCKED DOORS**.

HOW COULD YOU **POSSIBLY** BE HAPPY HERE?



BECAUSE IT'S NOT **SMALL**.



THESE PEOPLE, THEIR **STRUGGLES** AREN'T ANY **LESSER** THAN OURS. AND LIKE US...

...THEY'RE JUST DOING THEIR **BEST**. LOOKING FOR SOME **HAPPINESS** IN **SPITE** OF THE WORLD.

YOU SAY THE **SCALE** OF MY CHOICES ESCAPES ME? **THIS** IS THE SCALE THAT MATTERS.



WE'RE **ALL** LOOKING FOR THE SAME THING. YET IT LOOKS **DIFFERENT** FOR EACH OF US.

I **LIKE** BEING A **PART** OF THAT. YOU COULD TOO...I CAN ALWAYS USE MORE **HELP** AT THE SHOP.

I THINK **NOT**, WANDA... BUT IT **IS** GOOD TO SEE YOU AT **PEACE**.



OF COURSE, I **WILL** BE KEEPING WATCH FOR **ANY** WHO'D THREATEN THAT **PEACE**.



I'M **STILL** YOUR **AUNT**, AFTER ALL.

AGATHA HARKNESS...

"...I'D HOPE
FOR NOTHING
LESS."

GOOD TO GO,
JONESY. CHEW THIS
ANYTIME THE
EXTROVERTS MAKE
YOU WANT TO
KILL.

THAT PART'S
A JOKE--OR
IS IT? NO, REALLY,
IT'S A JOKE.

THANKS,
DARCY.

NICE
TO SEE
SOMEONE
KNOWS THE
INVENTORY
AROUND
HERE.

HEY! THAT WAS FAST! OR
WAS IT NOT FAST? DID
YOU DO THE TIME
SNAPPY AGAIN?

BECAUSE I
WAS THINKING ABOUT
IT, AND I COULD REALLY
USE THE TIME SNAPPY.
ESPECIALLY FOR
RAMEN.

RAMEN TAKES
TWO MINUTES,
DARCY.

DIDN'T WE
AGREE YOU
WOULDN'T ASK ABOUT
MY PERSONAL
LIFE?

SO LISTEN,
DON'T GET MAD--
BUT I HELPED MISS
JONES. SHE BREEZED
THROUGH...

...DOING SOME
KRAKOAN
GATE-PEEPING UP
THE NORTHEAST.
HER MOON'S IN
VIRGO.

SHE SAID IT
WAS MAKING SMALL
TALK HELL FOR HER.
I SOLD HER SOME
PASITHEAC CHEWS.

I KNOW
YOU'LL SAY I
SHOULD'VE WAITED FOR
YOU--BUT I CONSULTED
THE BOOKS! REALLY!

PASITHEAC
ROOT.

I DON'T
KNOW IF
CHEWING IT'S
THE BEST--



ACTUALLY?



I'D HAVE HAD A **DIFFERENT** RECOMMENDATION BUT NOT A **BETTER** ONE.

YOU DID **GREAT**, DARCY. I'VE **SEEN** HOW MUCH TIME YOU PUT INTO THE **TOMES**.



YOU **KNOW** YOUR WAY AROUND THE **SHOP**. YOU DON'T NEED **ME** TO HELP PEOPLE.

HEY...BUT WHAT IF I **WANT** YOUR HELP? WHO **ELSE** WOULD I **BLAME** STUFF ON?

SERIOUSLY, WANDA. I'M ONLY **HERE** BECAUSE YOU SENT **SCYTHIA** HOME, ASS IN HAND.

HELPING YOU, **LEARNING** FROM YOU--IT'S THE **LEAST** I CAN DO.



WAIT--THAT **REMINDS** ME! BILL? **MECHANIC** BILL? **V-CUT** BILL?!

HE **ASKED** ABOUT SOMETHING I DIDN'T KNOW--WHAT'S **THAT** UP THERE?



THAT URN HOLDS **SKIN CELLS** COLLECTED FROM THE **RUNNER**. AN ELDER OF THE **UNIVERSE**.

HE LEAVES THEM **ALL OVER** SPACE. A **SPRINKLE** GIVES YOU A BURST OF **GODLIKE** METABOLISM.

WAIT. WAIT. SO **V-CUT** BILL... WANTS TO **CUT CORNERS** ON HIS **CUT**? NO, BILL. NO...



I'M
AFRAID SO,
DARCY.

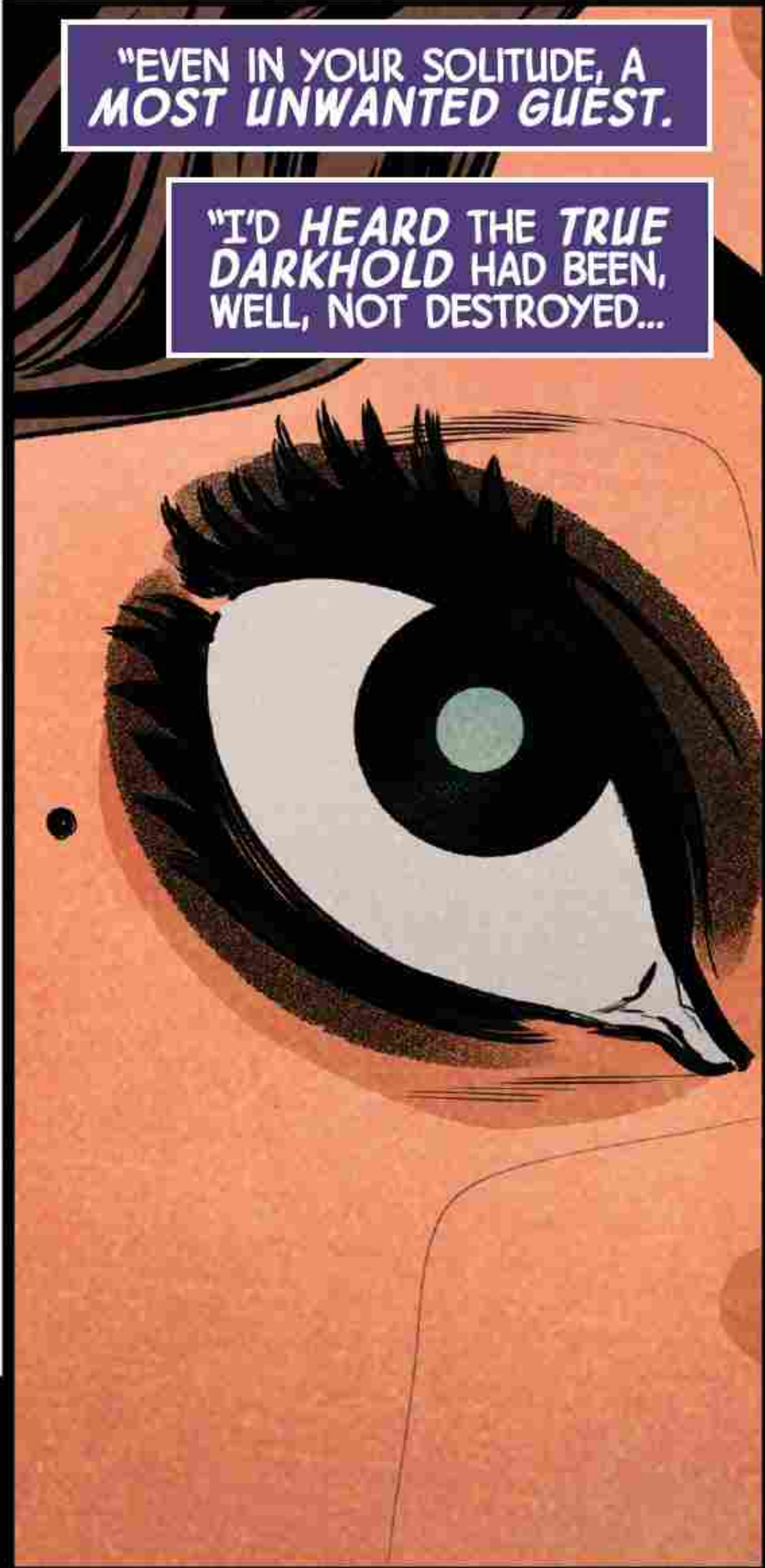
IT SEEMS
THERE ARE **NO
TRUE HEROES**
LEFT.

"LET'S GET THE
OBVIOUS OUT
OF THE WAY,
SHALL WE?"



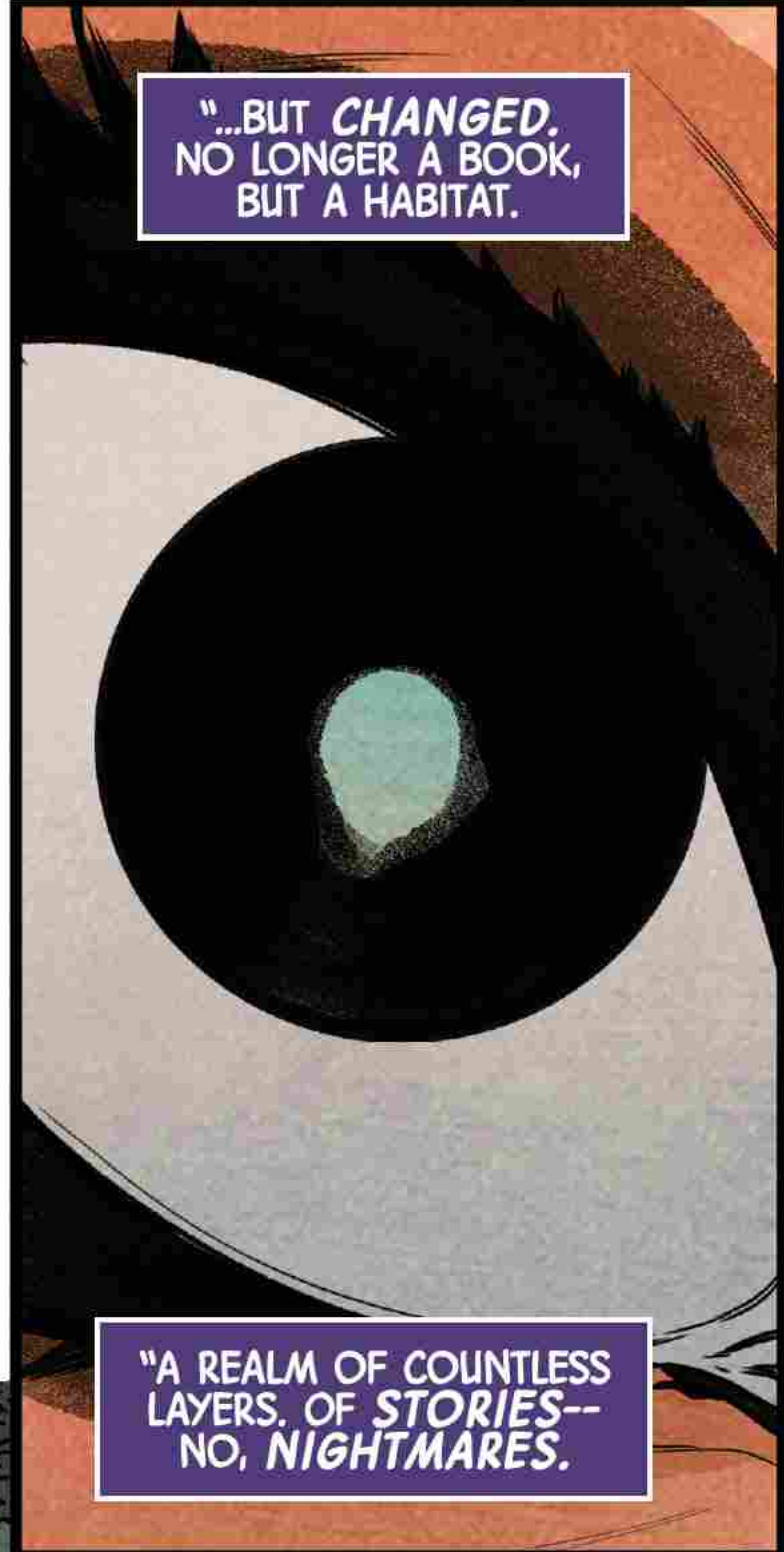
"YOU WEREN'T
EXPECTING **VISITORS.**

"WOULDN'T BE
MUCH OF A
PRISON IF YOU
WERE. BUT
HERE I AM.



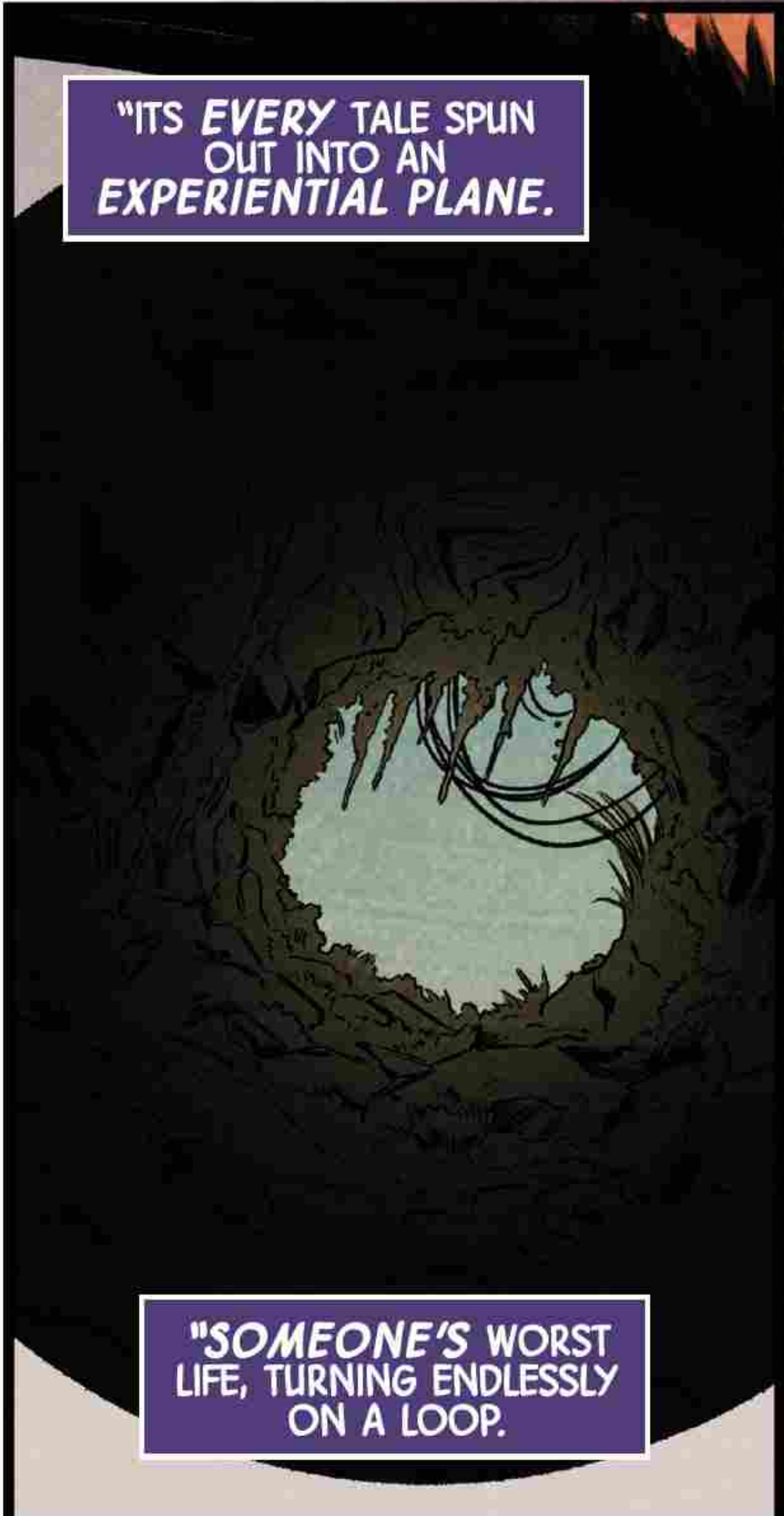
"EVEN IN YOUR SOLITUDE, A
MOST UNWANTED GUEST.

"I'D HEARD THE **TRUE
DARKHOLD** HAD BEEN,
WELL, NOT DESTROYED..."



"...BUT **CHANGED.**
NO LONGER A BOOK,
BUT A HABITAT.

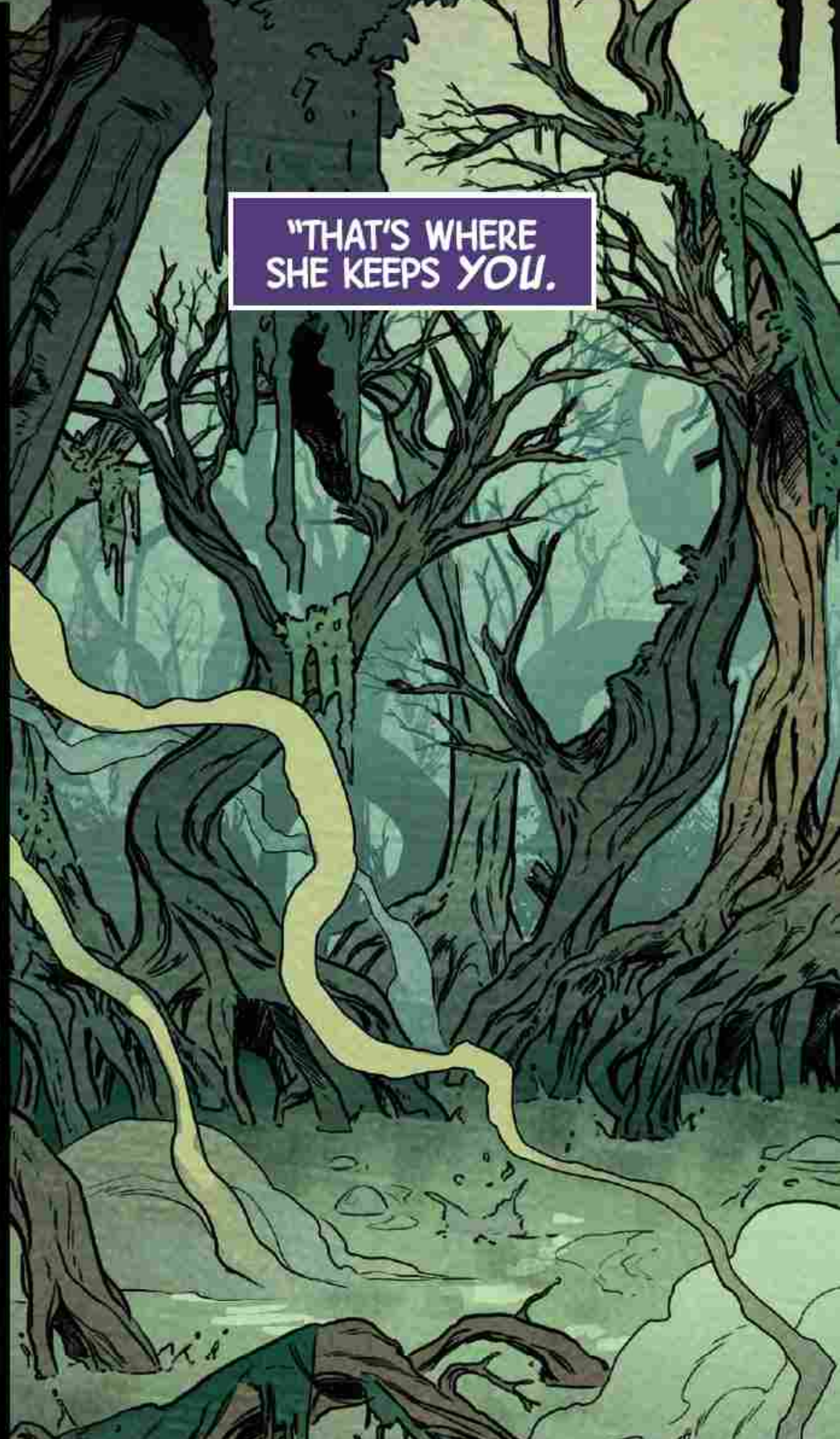
"A REALM OF COUNTLESS
LAYERS. OF **STORIES--**
NO, **NIGHTMARES.**



"ITS **EVERY** TALE SPUN
OUT INTO AN
EXPERIENTIAL PLANE.



"AND BENEATH
ALL OF THEM?"



"THAT'S WHERE
SHE KEEPS **YOU.**

"**SOMEONE'S** WORST
LIFE, TURNING ENDLESSLY
ON A LOOP.

"UNDER THE HORRORS
OF EVERYONE WHO'S EVER
LIVED AND EVER WILL?"

"I HAD TO SEE
IT FOR MYSELF.
BUT **HOW?**"

"NOTHING SO SIMPLE
AS SLEIGHT OF HAND
OR ABRACADABRA."

"START BY GETTING
HER **ANGRY**. AND SHE
DOES HAVE A **TEMPER**."

"SOME **PARASITIC EGGS** IN HER TEA. NOTHING
SHE CAN'T **HANDLE**. BUT FROM THERE..."

"...SHE THINKS ONLY ABOUT THE **PAIN**.
AND, OF COURSE, PROVING SHE'S **ABOVE** IT."

"SHE **ACTS OUT**,
KICKING OFF A **CROSS-
DIMENSIONAL DUEL** TO
SHOW HER **STRENGTH**."

"THEN **SURRENDER**.
SPRINKLE IN SOME
REAL PRIDE AT HOW
FAR SHE'S COME."

"RECONCILE. GIVE HER WHAT
SHE **EXPECTS** BECAUSE SHE
EXPECTS SHE'S RIGHT.
HELP HER FORGET..."

"...THAT IT **ALL** BEGAN
WITH SOME **TEA** THAT SHE
HARDLY REMEMBERS."

"WHAT'S THAT **YOUNG
WOMAN'S** PHRASE? A
SPOONFUL OF HONEY?"

"A SPOONFUL OF EGGS
IS **SHOCK** ENOUGH
TO HIDE WHAT **ELSE**
WAS IN THE TEA."

"ME. A **CLIPPING**. A
SHADE OF THE REAL
THING, QUESTIONING **DEEP**
INTO HER SOUL."

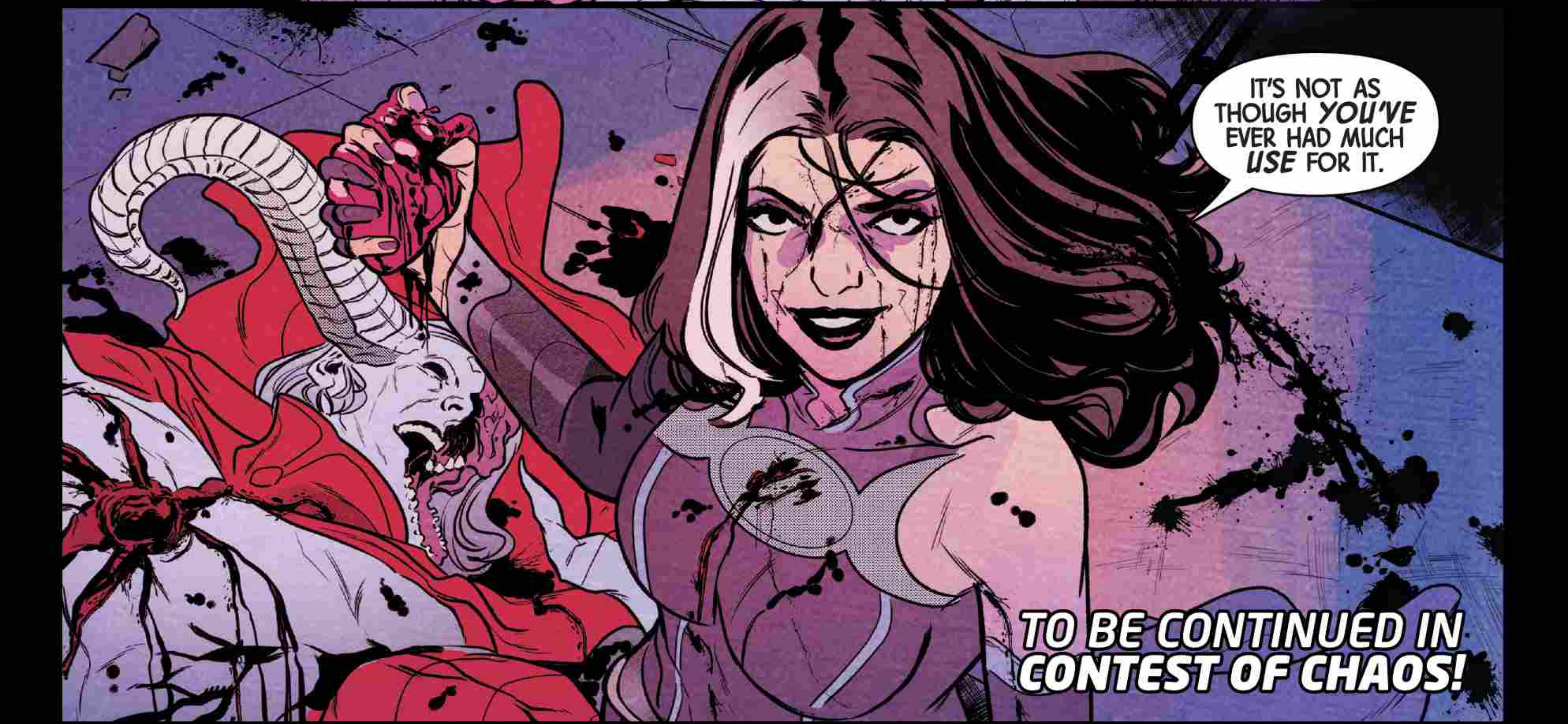
AND THAT?
THAT IS HOW YOU
FOOL A **SCARLET
WITCH**, OLD
MAN.

AS FOR
MY **QUEST**,
WELL, IS MY **GRAIL**
NOT OBVIOUS?



YOUR
HEART,
CHTHON.

CRASH



IT'S NOT AS
THOUGH YOU'VE
EVER HAD MUCH
USE FOR IT.

**TO BE CONTINUED IN
CONTEST OF CHAOS!**

Hey, Mom!

I heard you've got a shop now. That sounds cool! Hope no one's giving you too much trouble. Hulkling and I are doing good, the palace is good...well, there's always trouble, but the expected rebuilding-trust-and-community kind, so it's fine. I guess when you're trying to combine two massive space empires that haven't always had the best reputations, that's bound to happen, right?

Thanks again for your help last time, by the way. The refugees are still adjusting, but we're doing our best to make them feel at home.

Hope you can visit again soon.

Miss you!

-Billy

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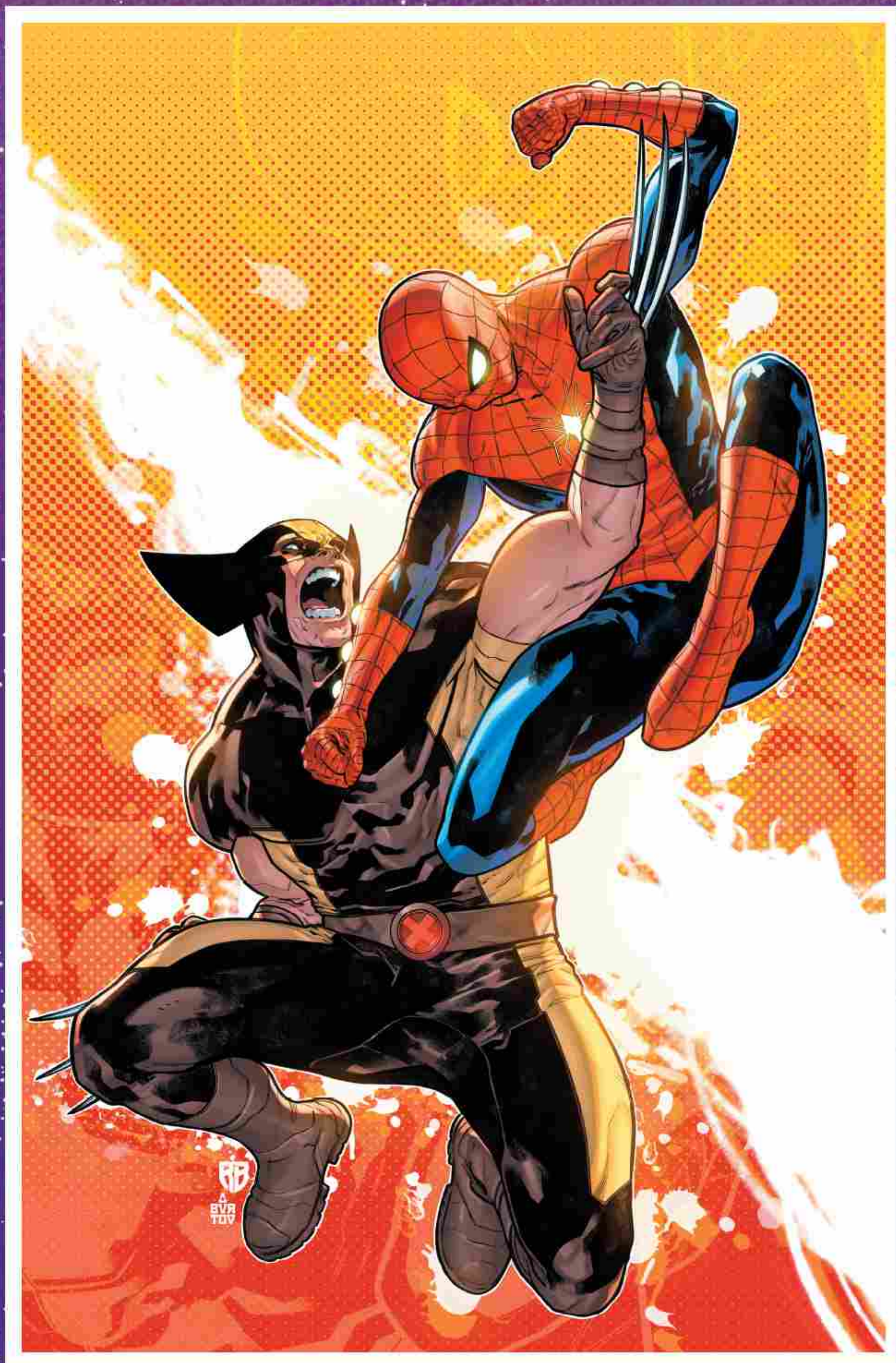
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Agatha Harkness is building a new Darkhold--and she's pitting Earth's Mightiest Heroes against each other to do it! First on her list is Spider-Man, whose regular day is turned upside down when he involuntarily walks through a portal to a remote, magical city...and is attacked by Wolverine! Don't miss this summer's explosive series of connected annuals!

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- ☒ SCARLET WITCH ANNUAL #1

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- ☐ SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #1
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- ☐ IRON MAN ANNUAL #1
Iron Man vs. Storm!
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL #1
Human Torch vs. Ghost Rider!
- ☐ MOON KNIGHT ANNUAL #1
Moon Knight vs. Taegukgi!

CONTEST OF CHAOS September

- ☐ SPIDER-GWEN ANNUAL #1
Spider-Gwen vs. White Fox!
- ☐ VENOM ANNUAL #1
Venom vs. Deadpool!
- ☐ X-MEN ANNUAL #1
Cyclops vs. Captain Marvel!
- ☐ AVENGERS ANNUAL #1
Avengers vs. ???

